

EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON REQUIREMENTS AND FACILITIES FOR COLLATION

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1. Many of the targets for Subcommittee action listed in previous Annual Reports no longer call for continuing action or review by the Subcommittee. This does not imply that problems of inter-agency coordination in the field of intelligence requirements will not arise and require action, but rather that many of the programs designed to remedy past problems are now operating efficiently under administrative arrangements instituted by or concurred in by the Subcommittee. It is also indicative of the fact that operational coordinating mechanisms have been developed and improved in the Washington intelligence community; as a result, the Subcommittee has become less operative and more of a policy guidance and co-ordinating body. While many of the problems which called the Requirements Subcommittee into being may have been solved or ameliorated, the basic function of providing a forum for discussion and coordination of inter-agency interests in matters of intelligence requirements and the collation of intelligence information still exists, and the Subcommittee will continue to meet as necessary.

2. Two scheduled meetings were held during the reporting year, each concerned with a full agenda of items appropriate for inter-agency consideration at the level of the Requirements Subcommittee. Pertinent NIE Post-Mortems were considered and appropriate remedial action was individually undertaken. Appraisals of Foreign Service Economic Reporting, proposed changes in CERP reporting procedures, and the economic implications of exchange delegations between the West and the Soviet Bloc countries were discussed in committee. In addition, Priority Collection Deficiency Statements forwarded by the EIC Secretariat were examined by Subcommittee members, and a report of action taken was made a matter of record. The Executive Secretary of the EIC and his Staff, together with the Executive Secretary of the Requirements Subcommittee and his Staff, spent considerable time preparing draft models of a Research Deficiency Statement, and of a Collection Deficiency Statement for use by the Substantive Subcommittees of the EIC. These are at present being used as guides by the E&T Subcommittee. In the field of collation, the Subcommittee received a report on the role of the Industrial Register [REDACTED]

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3. It is the intention of the Subcommittee to meet in the future as often as a full agenda of significant items of interagency interest dictates. Substantive matters will normally be discussed only at the request of the EIC or of one of the substantive subcommittees. In procedural matters, emphasis will be placed on defining community problems and assuring the proper functioning of existing coordinating mechanisms, rather than the creation of new interagency facilities.